



COMUNICATO STAMPA

Everything is ready for the celebrations for the bicentenary of the birth of the Hero of the Two Worlds

2007 WILL BE THE YEAR OF GARIBALDI

Press conference to present the Committee's activities

Rome, 9 January – 12.00 – the Ministry of Cultural Assets

2007 will be a year full of events and initiatives in Italy and abroad to celebrate Giuseppe Garibaldi: institutional events of great importance, international study conventions, exhibitions, publications, and many other activities have been planned, aiming at the extensive involvement of citizens, especially in commemoration of Garibaldi's popular appeal. They include the Giro d'Italia, dedicated to Garibaldi this year, initiatives with the schools, and wide collaboration on the part of the Rai.

At a press conference, planned for **9 January at 12 midday**, in the hall of the Ministry for Cultural Assets and Activities (27, Via del Collegio Romano) the Committee Chairman, the Hon. Andrea Marcucci, Undersecretary of State for Cultural Assets and Activities, will present the logo of the celebrations, a first programme of activities scheduled for the year 2007, and the new internet site.

To celebrate Garibaldi and the ideals and actions of the Hero of the Two Worlds on the occasion of the bicentenary of his birth, a National Committee for the Bicentenary of Giuseppe Garibaldi's birth has been set up by Decree at the Ministry for Cultural Assets and Activities.

The Committee members are authoritative scholars and men of culture, and representatives of the institutions that, for various reasons, have a role in the commemoration of Garibaldi's history. The steering committee, the Committee's guiding entity, is composed of Prof. Zeffiro Ciuffoletti of Florence University, Prof. Alfonso Scirocco of the "Federico II" University of Naples, Prof. Umberto Sereni of Udine University, the Hon. Luigi Berlinguer, former Rector of Siena University and also former Minister of Education, Dr. Salvatore Italia, former head of the Department of Archives and Publication Assets of the Ministry of Cultural Assets and Activities, Prof. Luigi Mascilli Migliorini of the Oriental University of Naples, Prof. Romano Ugolini of Perugia University, Dr. Lauro Rossi, of the Modern and Contemporary Library, and Secretary of the Committee.

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